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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES

REF: A. STATE 75394, B. TEHRAN 2582, C. STATE 75497,
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1. INFORMED MFA FOURTH POLITICAL DIVISION DEPUTY HEAD MOKALLA OF CONTENTS REF A. MOKALLA OBVIOUSLY SURPRISED AT ZAHEDI LETTER AND PROMISED TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO GET OFFICIAL REPLY TO EMBASSY'S EARLIER INQUIRY REGARDING MAZAHERI-TEHRAN'S ELIGIBILITY TO LEAVE COUNTRY (REF B). COMMENT: ZAHEDI'S LETTER CERTAINLY GIVES LEVERAGE FOR PRESSURE ON GOI IF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR DEPARTURE ARE NOT RPT NOT FORTHCOMING. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING FAVORABLE REPLY TO DOCUMENT WAIVER QUESTION POSED FINAL PARA REF B.

2. WITH REGARD TO NAMES MENTIONED REF C, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PROMINENT RIGHTS ACTIVIST HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY UNION OF NATIONAL FRONT (UNF) SUPPORTER REGARDING SOME OF THEIR PET CSASES. TRUST NEA/IRN HAS RUN ALL THOSE NAMED THROUGH INR'S BIO COMPUTERS. WE ARE CHECKING MORE DEEPLY, BUT HERE IS INTERIM REPORT:

A) BEHAZIN IS SYNONYM FOR ENG. ETEMADZADEH, WHOSE ARREST FOR PROVOKING PUBLIC DISORDER WAS REPORTED REFS D AND E. HE WAS ARRESTED NOV 24 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRIED IN PUBLIC
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COURT AND SENTENCED TO SHORT JAIL TERM AND FINE.
B) SAID SHAMS AL-AHMAD IS SUBJECT OF FLYER WHICH EMBASSY HOPES TO OBTAIN SHORTLY. WE DO NOT YET HAVE DEFINITIVE DATE OF HIS ARREST, BUT IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST ONE OR TWO YEARS AGO, PERHAPS EVEN EARLIER. ACCORDING TO DISSIDENT SOURCE, GOI ALSO APPARENTLY CONFISCATED ENTIRE BOOK (PUBLICATION) RUN REFERRED TO IN REF C.

C) INITIAL CHECKS ON HASSAN AHSAM AND MUHAMMED REZA ZAMINI
TURNED UP NOTHING.

D) FOUR TERRORISTS MENTIONED PARA FOUR REF C NOT KNOWN
TO US IN TERMS OF RECENT DISTURBANCES. FROM LENGTH OF
SENTENCES, WE SUSPECT THESE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT AND TRIED
SOME TIME AGO.

3. TRACING AL-AHMAD AND BEHAZIN LEADS US BACK TO THE
UNF CONSTELLATION, AND WE SUSPECT THAT WHEN WE TURN UP
INFO ON OTHERS, THEY WILL BE FOUND TO HAVE UNF CONNECTIONS,
TOO. IT IS ALWAYS USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE INFORMATION AND
OUR INITIAL FINDINGS CAN BE PASSED ON, IN CONFIDENCE, TO
SOURCE. U.S. RIGHTS ACTIVIST SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT
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